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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE and Mr KUIJPERS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the reign of terror established by Indonesian troops in East Timor

PE 100.676

The European Parliament,

A. having regard to frequent reports of the reign of terror established by Indonesian troops in East Timor,

B. whereas East Timor was governed by Portugal until 1975 when it was declared independent by one of the two nationalist parties, i.e. the FRETILIN, but was then occupied by Indonesia,

C. whereas this action lead to protests by the UN,

D. having regard to the extensive report by Amnesty International on flagrant violations of human rights by Indonesian troops in East Timor, despite the amnesty granted in 1977, under which FRETILIN fighters were required to surrender,

E. whereas waves of repression in 1980, 1981, 1983 and 1984 have led to mass arrests, torture, executions and disappearances,

F. having regard to reports that a large number of women and children are being held on Atauro Island, which has been turned into a kind of prison, and whereas 200 died through malnutrition and malaria in the period June 1981 to May 1982,

G. whereas even recently Indonesian troops were still torturing and killing people in East Timor,

H. having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

1. Protests vigorously to the Indonesian authorities over the torture, murders and disappearances in East Timor;

2. Calls on the Indonesian authorities to carry out a serious investigation of the state of affairs in East Timor and to punish all those responsible for acts of violence;

3. Insists on the right of all prisoners in East Timor to a fair trial and demands the immediate release of all prisoners against whom there is no proof of any serious offence;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the Indonesian authorities.

NB: The draft resolution on E. Timor circulated in Paris has now been tabled (28 October). As yet, I only have the text in Dutch. When I receive it, I will circulate.

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